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SECURITY INFORMATION

COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Finow Airfield

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EVALUATION [REDACTED]

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

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DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE PREPARED 11 August 1953

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. &amp; TYPE)

REMARKS [REDACTED]

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- ☐ 1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Finow airfield between 29 June and 15 July 1953:

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29 June. During the firing practices at towed air sleeves at night, which previously was reported, five searchlights, located on a line between Eberswalde and Finow, were in operation. The sleeve target which was towed by a MiG-15 or U-MiG-15 plane with set position lights was consecutively illuminated by the individual searchlights. It was attacked by MiG-15s with set position lights, which approached from the left rear and fired live tracer ammunition. 1

7 July. At about 7 p.m., while swept-back jet fighters were still aloft, two unusually loud detonations were heard from the woods southwest of the field at an interval of about 10 minutes. There were no buildings in the woods, however that were demolished by the detonation. 2

13 July. There was air activity by MiG-15s which flew in groups of twos and made high-altitude flights.

14 July. MiG-15s practiced local flying, flights in elements of twos and low-level attacks.

15 July. There was air activity on this date. Thirty-three MiG-15s were counted and an additional MiG-15s and Yak-11s were estimated at the field. The red No 1050 was observed on one plane.

2. On 10 July, the bomb dump was apparently unchanged. On 15 July, the stacks of bombs were protected by a roof and lights were fitted on the fence of the guarded dump. Six 37-mm AA guns were again observed in the southeastern corner of the field. A radar set was located at a point about 1 km south of the Finow-Finowfurth road, in line with kilometer marker 6.2 3

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- ☐ 3. Source learned from a local resident that detonations were heard from the field on 7 July. 2

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- 25X1A 1. [ ] Comment. Finow airfield is occupied by a fighter division headquarters and two fighter regiments. Firing practice at towed air sleeves at night was previously reported for the first time. See [ ]. The description of the practices generally agrees with the observation by another source from Alt Loennewitz. See [ ]. Aircraft [ ] was observed in Laerz some time ago. 25X1A
- 25X1A 2. [ ] Comment. It has not been determined whether the detonations are connected with Finow airfield. 25X1
- 25X1A 3. [ ] Comment. No radar set has recently been observed along the Finow-Finowfurth road. The previously observed radar sets were located east of the AA gun emplacement on the southern edge of the field and, temporarily, in the restricted area north of the airfield.

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